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# BERLIN WILL STATE TERMS TO WILSON; TO DO ANYTHING TO SECURE CONFERENCE

## \$60,000,000 MADE ON TIP ON PEACE NOTE IN WALL ST., SAYS THOMAS W. LAWSON

Declares Another Leak This  
Week May Drive Figure  
Up to Billions.

HE IS READY TO TESTIFY.

Tells Congressman Wood a  
Postal Addressed "T. W. L.,  
Boston," Will Find Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Over six-  
ty million dollars was made in Wall  
Street by those having advance infor-  
mation on President Wilson's peace  
note, according to a telegram received  
today from Thomas W. Lawson by  
Congressman Wood of Indiana.

The telegram follows:

"NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Just read  
to-day's New York papers. You and  
Chairman Henry unable to locate me.  
Really! Framed over my desk is an  
envelope inscribed 'To Thomas W.  
Lawson,' no other address. To settle  
a wager, it was mailed in an interior  
town in China and landed at my  
Boston office in record short time.  
"There were only sixty odd millions  
haggled from last week's; this  
week's may run into billions.

"And this tip, too, is meant in the  
best of spirit. If it was actually be-  
lieved in Washington there was to be  
a real investigation of last week's  
leak there would not be a quorum in  
either the Senate or House next Mon-  
day and there would be a shifting of  
bank accounts similar to those in the  
good old sugar investigation days.

"If you and Chairman Henry wish  
to communicate with me, toss a post  
card from any window in the Capitol  
addressed 'Thomas W. Lawson' or 'T.  
W. L., Boston,' and you will receive  
answer by return mail.

"Take a tip from one who played  
the big Washington-Wall Street game  
and the big international publicity  
game long before you were old enough  
to distinguish between a stock ex-  
change and a Congressional hall—  
spend less time on last week and more  
time on this week's leak, which is  
liable to inundate both Wall Street  
and Washington.

"Whether or not I receive postcard  
from you or Chairman Henry, rest  
easy in the knowledge I will answer  
your press talking as reported by  
the press and that when you direct  
my answer you will know more about  
Washington-Wall Street stock-gam-  
bling leaks than before you began  
trying to locate 'Thomas W. Law-  
son of Boston.'"

Wood stated that at no time has he  
stated he could not locate Lawson or  
get in touch with him. He has taken  
it for granted that when the proper  
time comes there will be no trouble  
in reaching Lawson and getting a  
full statement from him on what he  
knows concerning alleged leaks con-  
nected with the President's peace  
note.

Wood stated further the reflection  
cast by Lawson's telegram "upon every  
member of the House and Senate" was  
sufficient to warrant the fullest in-  
vestigation of all the matters involved  
in his resolution, and that the Senate  
and House, out of self-respect for each  
of these bodies, should insist on such an  
investigation.

Wood said that if the editorials ap-  
pearing in the newspapers of the coun-  
try are any reflection of public opin-  
ion the public itself will insist on the  
fullest investigation, not only for the  
purpose of ferreting out those who are  
said to be responsible for the advance  
information received by Wall Street,  
but to prevent a recurrence of such a  
scandal.

## FRANCE RETURNS IDENTICAL GOLD PAID FOR PANAMA

\$25,000,000 in American Eagles  
in To-Day's Deposit of \$33-  
000,000 by Morgan & Co.

In the Government Assay Office at  
New York and Philadelphia there was  
deposited to-day by J. P. Morgan &  
Co. \$25,000,000 of gold, all coming  
from abroad. This is the largest sin-  
gle day's importation of gold on re-  
cord, and raises to higher levels than  
ever the yellow tide that is running  
so steadily and strongly from Europe  
to America.

When the boxes were opened this  
morning at the Assay Office in Wall  
Street, they were found to contain  
\$25,000,000 in American eagles. Ex-  
amination showed this to be the identical  
gold shipped to Paris by the United  
States Government in 1904 as part  
payment for the \$40,000,000 purchase  
price of the old French Panama Canal  
Company's property and rights.

This evidently had been deposited  
in the Bank of France and laid there  
untouched for twelve years, for even  
the wooden boxes were the same that  
had been shipped out of New York.

Enormous movements in interna-  
tional finance are now being made  
by the British and French Govern-  
ments working in co-operation, but  
the ultimate objects and results are  
not quite apparent. Since the Fed-  
eral Reserve Board issued a warning  
that prevented banks from buying  
British short term treasury bills,  
heavy shipments of gold, amounting  
in all to \$175,000,000 in three weeks,  
have been made from London and  
Paris to New York.

## VOLPLANES FROM \$9,000 SUITE TO A PRISON CELL

Young Man Tells Court He Slept for  
Months in Another's Fine  
Apartment.

From a \$9,000 apartment to a cell  
in Yorkville prison was the new  
volplaning record established to-day  
by Steven Sarchosky, twenty-four  
years old, of No. 468 Eleventh  
Avenue. Two detectives saw him  
dropping from a window on the  
ground floor of No. 340 Park Avenue  
—one of the most expensive apart-  
ment houses in that section—and  
arrested him on a charge of bur-  
glary.

Sarchosky amazed Magistrate Bar-  
low when he said he had been sleep-  
ing in the apartment every night for  
months. He said he saw the window  
open one night and investigated. He  
found the appointments so much more  
inviting than those of his own home  
that he decided to establish a sleep-  
ing residence there.

The woman who rents the apart-  
ment is said to be travelling in the  
South. Sarchosky said he was on his  
way to look for work when the po-  
licemen nabbed him. He was held in  
default of \$2,000 bail.

Hiram Maxim Left Estate of \$105-  
000.  
LONDON, Dec. 28, 3 P. M.—Sir Hiram  
Maxim, the inventor who died re-  
cently, left an estate of \$105,000.

## CARRANZA INSISTS TROOPS WITHDRAW UNCONDITIONALLY

Refuses to Sign Protocol  
Agreed on by Joint  
Commission.

CABRERA MEETS LANE.

Situation Returns to Point It  
Occupied Before Negotia-  
tions Began.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Refusal  
on the part of Gen. Carranza to  
ratify the protocol agreed upon by  
the American and Mexican Commis-  
sioners at Atlantic City to-day gave  
to the Mexican situation a most  
serious aspect.

Louis Cabrera, Chairman of the  
Mexican Commission, conferred with  
Secretary Lane of the American  
Commission, to-day, but it is stated  
that Carranza's formal reply to the  
request for his approval of the At-  
lantic City protocol, embodying a re-  
fusal to accept it, will be handed to  
Mr. Lane by Juan B. Rojo, Secretary  
of the Mexican Commission, later.

Senior Cabrera arrived here from  
New York this morning. It was  
generally believed he would insist that  
the American troops in Mexico be  
withdrawn unconditionally.

It has been understood here for  
several days that if Gen. Carranza  
did not return such an answer as  
would warrant a reassembling of the  
Joint Commission, the negotiations  
would be declared ended and that Gen.  
Carranza's Ambassador would return  
to Mexico. This would not amount to  
a severance of diplomatic relations  
because in a strict sense there never  
have been any. Such a turn, of  
course, would prevent sending Henry  
P. Fletcher, American Ambassador  
designated, to Mexico City and, in  
short, the situation would return to  
the point it occupied before the com-  
mission negotiations began.

Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's dip-  
lomatic representative here, to-day,  
unqualifiedly denied published reports  
that he had been recalled.

"It is absolutely untrue that I have  
been recalled by my Government," said  
he; "nor do I know if the Govern-  
ment is contemplating summoning  
me. If it should occur, as it did a  
few weeks ago, it would not be in the  
nature of my withdrawal from my  
post."

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 28.—Two par-  
ties of filibusters crossed the border  
into Mexico near this city early Tues-  
day morning. It became known to-  
day, one engaged in a running fight  
with Carranza soldiers from the  
Nuevo Laredo garrison, resulting in  
the wounding of six filibusters and  
one soldier.

## STRIKING MATCH STARTED SHOOTING AT THE BORDER

Gen. Bell Reports On Clash Be-  
tween Mexicans and Kentucky  
Guardsmen.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 28.—After a  
personal investigation, Gen. Bell, com-  
manding the border division here,  
announced to-day that the exchange  
of rifle shots across the border last  
night between Mexican and American  
troops started from the Mexican side  
when one of the Kentucky infantry  
outposts struck a match. No one was  
hurt.

General Bell said he would formally  
notify the Juarez military authorities  
of the shooting.

Gen. Jose Murguía, commander at  
Juarez, also instituted an investiga-  
tion.

T. W. LAWSON WHO SAYS  
\$60,000,000 WAS MADE  
ON "LEAK" ON PEACE MOVE.



## THOMPSON OFFERS PLAN TO BAR CAR STRIKES IN FUTURE

Will Propose Law Enabling  
Service Board to Take Over  
Utilities and Run Them.

With the report of his committee  
in course of compilation for presen-  
tation to the Legislature, State Sen-  
ator George F. Thompson to-day de-  
clared that when the report is made  
it will contain recommendations that  
will prevent strikes against public  
utility corporations in the future.

There was no meeting of the  
Thompson committee to-day, but in  
his room at the Hotel Biltmore the  
Senator conferred with Frank Moss,  
counsel for the committee; Clarence  
E. Shuster of Rochester and I. Frank  
Smith of Lockport.

"I cannot say at this time whether  
the recommendations I make on this  
score will be in the majority or in  
the minority report," said the Senator,  
"but they will be contained in the  
report at any rate."

"I shall recommend that in future,  
where a public utility is concerned  
and where the managers and the  
strikers cannot agree to a settlement,  
the Public Service Commission take  
over the utility and run it.

"It has been proposed that to pre-  
vent inconvenience to the travelling  
public for instance, that the wages  
of employees of public utilities cor-  
porations be fixed by law.

"I hold the public is entitled to ride  
no matter what differences exist due  
to labor troubles, and I shall recom-  
mend that the Public Service Com-  
mission, in a situation like that,  
take over the road and operate it  
without in any way by that action  
prejudging the rights of either side to  
the controversy. They can be settled  
in court or by time, but in the mean-  
time the public must be served.

"The Commission can put the  
strikers back to work. The strikers  
have a right to eat while they are on  
strike as Mr. Snider has a right to  
eat during a strike. There is no ex-  
cuse for private ownership of a public  
utility unless the utility can be run  
more cheaply to the public in that  
way."

\$10 Men's O'coats & Suits, \$5.95  
The "HUB" Clothing Corp., Broad-  
way, cor. Barclay St., opp. Woolworth  
Building, will sell to-day and Friday 1,200  
Men's Winter Overcoats & Suits, Black,  
fancy gray, brown and dark mixed, in  
plain or pinch backs; all sizes, 34 to 44.  
Our special price for to-day and Friday,  
\$5.95 and \$6.95. The Hub Clothing Co.,  
Broadway, Corner Barclay Street—Adv.

## EXPLOSION WRECKS HOTEL; ONE DEAD, NINE BADLY HURT

Acetylene Plant in Basement  
Blows Up and Whole  
Structure Collapses.

DEBRIS IS SOON ABLAZE.

Women First to Be Rescued—  
Force of the Blast Jars  
Whole Town.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
MT. HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 28.—An  
explosion of an acetylene gas plant  
in the cellar of the Madison Hotel in  
this city about noon to-day wrecked  
the building. The debris caught fire  
and burned for an hour. After the  
fire five badly injured persons were  
taken out and sent to the hospital,  
where four others had preceded them.

Two missing were Robert Snyder,  
twenty-one years old, a son of Mrs.  
Robert M. Snyder, the proprietress of  
the hotel, and Thomas Gray, the bar-  
tender. Rescuers heard Gray calling  
in the debris two hours after the ex-  
plosion, but were unable to locate him  
and his cries soon ceased. Snyder's  
body was taken out of the ruins late  
this afternoon.

Joseph Haines, a fireman, was se-  
riously injured while rescuing a woman  
and was rushed to Burlington  
County Hospital. Other known vic-  
tims of the explosion are:

Mrs. Snyder, proprietress, her daugh-  
ter, Helen, and her mother, Ben-  
jamin Armstrong, William Holling-  
worth, Sanford Harmon, Daniel  
Thomas and a negro named Teton, all  
Philadelphia, an employee of the  
hotel, who is almost certainly fatally  
injured.

It is said there were no guests in  
the upper stories of the hotel when  
the explosion occurred, but there  
were six or seven men in the bar-  
room, and it was directly under this  
room, in the basement, that the gas  
tank had been installed.

Mrs. Snyder, her mother and Miss  
Helen Snyder were in their bed-  
rooms on the second floor of the  
structure when the tank blew up with  
a crash that shook the town and  
could be heard for miles.

Big pieces of the ceiling fell in the  
rooms where the women were. Mrs.  
Snyder and her daughter hurried to  
the aid of Mrs. Snyder's mother, and  
they were making their way to safety  
when rescuers found them. Hardly  
had the women reached the street  
when the walls of the building col-  
lapsed.

The Madison Hotel is at Madison  
Avenue and Washington Street and is  
a half square from the Pennsylvania  
railroad station and a block and a  
half from the main business section  
of the town.

Windows in buildings nearby were  
shattered and passers-by were nearly  
knocked down by the force of the  
explosion. Calls were sent to the  
police and firemen, and rescue work  
began immediately despite the flames.  
No one has any idea what caused the  
tank to explode.

The Madison Hotel was a three-  
story structure and frame structure.

Woman Assistant Attorney General  
for Illinois.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Illinois is to have  
a woman Assistant Attorney General,  
it was announced to-day by Edward Brund-  
age, Attorney General-elect, who said  
he would appoint Miss Jeanette Bates to  
the position. Miss Bates is now Village  
Attorney for the suburb of Ardmore.

Swedish Steamer Reported Sunk.  
LONDON, Dec. 28.—Lloyd's Shipping  
Agency announces that the Swedish  
steamer Friga is believed to have been  
sunk.

## 40 HURT AS TRAIN CRASHES INTO CARS AT GRAND CENTRAL

Peekskill Local Smashes Into  
Two Steel Coaches on  
Entering the Station.

SURGEONS ATTEND 12.

Many Women and Children  
Among the Injured—Dif-  
ferences as to Cause

A New York Central suburban train  
of four steel cars, carrying passengers  
from Peekskill and intermediate sta-  
tions entered the lower level of the  
Grand Central Station on Track 7 at  
10.03 o'clock to-day and crashed into  
two empty steel coaches standing at  
the extreme end of the track against  
the platform bumpers.

The shock broke all the windows of  
the first two cars of the suburban train  
and about forty passengers were in-  
jured, twelve of whom were treated by  
Dr. McLeod and his assistant, Dr. Gil-  
lepie, of the Grand Central Station  
hospital.

No report of the accident was made  
to the police and at the office of Vice  
President Daly of the New York Cen-  
tral it was stated that none of the  
injured passengers gave their names  
and that all were able to go about  
their business when the surgeons had  
patched up their cuts and bruises.

This statement is disputed by pas-  
sengers on the train, who say that  
some of the injured were quite pain-  
fully hurt and that agents of the  
railroad took the names of everybody  
who claimed to have sustained injury  
of any sort.

Motor Engineer George Schneider  
and Conductor Joseph Dineart were in  
charge of the train from Peekskill.  
Most of the passengers were women  
and children, bound for the city on  
shopping excursions. The big com-  
muting rush was over when the ac-  
cident happened.

As the train entered the station  
nearly all the passengers left their  
seats and started down the aisles to-  
ward the doors. The New York Cen-  
tral officials say that Schneider,  
who has been bringing trains into the  
terminal for a long time and has of-  
ten stopped his train right up against  
empty cars standing at the stub  
end of the tracks, must have mis-  
judged his distance this morning.

Schneider has made no statement,  
but trainmen say the brakes prob-  
ably worked improperly.

The crashing train might as well  
have encountered a solid body as the  
two empty cars, for these cars were  
jammed up against the massive plat-  
form bumpers. Although the train  
was barely moving, all the standing  
passengers were thrown from their  
feet, and the passengers in the first  
two cars were bombarded with  
broken glass.

The crash was heard in the station  
and attendants, hurried to the lower  
level. Screams of women and chil-  
dren resounded through the waiting  
rooms as the doctors reached the  
scene.

Many more passengers would have  
been cut by broken glass but for the  
fact that the women on the train wore  
heavy coats, which they had buttoned  
around their necks preparatory to get-  
ting into the street.

PRESIDENT IS 60 TO-DAY.

Was Born at Staunton, Va., on  
Dec. 28, 1856.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President  
Wilson is sixty years old to-day. He  
was born at Staunton, Va., Dec. 28, 1856.  
The President has made no plans for  
his birthday anniversary. All the time  
he can give will be devoted to his fam-  
ily, and, if the weather permits, he prob-  
ably will motor to the Chevy Chase golf  
links and enjoy a game with Mrs. Wil-  
son.

## GERMANY WANTS U. S. TO AID IN BRINGING ABOUT PEACE AND AVOIDING FUTURE WARS

Central Powers Represented As Ap-  
proving a Confidential Exchange  
of Views of Warring Powers  
Through President Wilson.

## MENACE OF U-BOAT ISSUE DISCUSSED AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Germany, it was made known here  
to-day, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by a  
refusal of the Entente belligerents to enter a conference without proper  
knowledge of her terms. It has been forecast that the Entente powers  
would base a refusal on such conditions.

The Central powers are represented as willing to permit a confi-  
dential exchange of broad tentative terms through President Wilson  
should it become necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens  
to prevent a gathering of peace delegates. There were broad intimations  
to-day that a statement of this position by Germany either had been  
communicated to the United States Government or soon would be.

Germany, it is said, is looking to  
the United States to make every  
effort to bring about a peace con-  
ference and to that end is ready to  
consider any suggestions from the  
President. As the case stands now,  
the German Government considers it  
has met all the suggestions in the  
President's note and a statement to  
that effect has been made by Count  
von Bernstorff, the German Am-  
bassador.

German officials believe they cannot  
be successful without assistance of  
the United States, because this coun-  
try has been represented as desiring  
most of all to see the peace terms  
make provision for the future security  
of the world.

There were intimations to-day that  
Germany's position on all these  
points had been conveyed by Foreign  
Minister Zimmermann to Ambassador  
Gerard at their recent conference and  
that Germany's terms were probably  
conveyed in the highest confidence  
for the information of President Wil-  
son.

Germany's position is represented  
as one of willingness to impart her  
terms in a confidential manner first  
if that is absolutely necessary, but  
still preferring to reserve them for  
presentation at a round table, where  
they could be discussed with more  
freedom.

It is understood that Ambassador  
Gerard at his conference with Min-  
ister Zimmermann laid fully before  
him the views of the United States  
on the deportations of Belgians and  
on the latest phases of the subma-  
rine situation.

Mr. Gerard was under instructions  
to do so when he left Washington.

Fear that if present peace negotia-  
tions fails this nation then must clear  
its slate on the submarine situation  
with Germany continues, but Presi-  
dent Wilson intends to push his  
peace work to the limit, to avoid pos-  
sible unpleasantness with Germany.

There is now no mistaking officials  
believe that President Wilson's note  
and the two subsequent "explana-  
tions" by Secretary Lansing, in ef-  
fect, constituted a warning against  
any unbridled acts of war that would  
involve American lives or rights.  
It has been this Government's  
attitude that violations which affect  
property are not to be compared to  
violations which affect life the warn-  
ing is generally interpreted as being  
directed chiefly against the Central  
Powers.

## ALLIES READY TO ANSWER AND REJECT CONFERENCE

Will Insist That No Peace Can Be Made  
Which Does Not Provide for  
Future Security.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Despatch of the  
Allies' reply to Germany's peace propo-  
sals is imminent. Information to-  
day indicated that the phraseology of  
the identical notes to be sent by all the  
Allies will be as follows:

NO SECOND BERLIN NOTE.  
Official Text of Original Reply Re-  
ceived in Washington.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The official  
text of Germany's reply to President  
Wilson's peace note was received to-  
day. So far as was known to the pub-  
lic, it was unaccompanied by any other  
communication and was said to be sub-  
stantially the same as the unofficial  
text received Tuesday from Berlin.  
A story was circulated that a second  
note was received, but this was un-  
founded.  
For to-day's ROCOBY Karpene ad-  
vertisement, see Page 10.—Adv.